

contemplating against DOI.⁵⁰³ The mock article referred at length to the alleged involvement of Fowler, Ickes and McAuliffe himself in this matter and quoted Goff as saying “We going [sic] to supoen [sic] everyone involved in this case . . . including Mr. Panetta, Mr. Ickes and Mr. Duffy. We’re going to put them on the stand and find out who was promised what, and by whom.”

For his part, McAuliffe states that while he did know Moody in 1995, and would have taken a call from him, he has no recollection of receiving Moody’s fax and its attachment. McAuliffe further said that he would recall it if he had received it, because he would have been “highly offended” by its threatening content.⁵⁰⁴

Platt continued his negotiation efforts on behalf of his tribal client, Mole Lake. Platt arranged a meeting at the White House with White House Political Director Douglas Sosnik.⁵⁰⁵ At the meeting, which likely took place in early fall 1995, Platt believes he provided Sosnik with the letter he had written to Secretary Babbitt and sought Sosnik’s assistance in facilitating a settlement among the Interior Department and the various interested parties over the Hudson casino proposal. Havenick reported that Platt informed him of several meetings with senior White House officials on Hudson – including an Oval Office meeting with President Clinton, Bruce Lindsey, and White House Counsel John (“Jack”) Quinn. Platt denies most of Havenick’s assertions, insisting that Havenick had misinterpreted some of Platt’s earlier statements (which Platt admitted may have contained some puffery). According to Platt, the misunderstandings

⁵⁰³No copy of the Moody fax or mock article were produced by Clinton/Gore ‘96, and no records in Moody’s possession verify transmission of the fax. Goff produced a copy of Moody’s fax cover sheet from his records, as well as a copy of the article he had drafted.

⁵⁰⁴*Id.* at 78-79.

⁵⁰⁵Sosnik later became Senior Advisor to the President for Policy and Strategy.